

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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Committee:	UBJJ MEETING
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Date:	Friday, June 25, 2004	Time:	8:00 – 10:30 am	Place:	Utah State Capitol Complex Conference Room
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Members Present	Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Leslie D. Brown, Andria Burton, Adam Cohen, Gary Dalton, Jennifer Jolley, Willard Malmstrom, Holly Martak, Fred W. Peake, Debbie Rocha, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Michael D. Di Reda, Nap Hagood, Tonia Hashimoto, Kritsana Imvitaya, Huy D. Nguyen, Carol Page, Paul Tsosie
Staff & Visitors	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse.

Agenda Item:	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes:	<p>Gary Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He gave an update on his recent Hill visits and the CJJ Conference. The Hill visits went well and they talked to all of Utah's representatives except Rep. Chris Cannon. Senators Hatch and Bennett and Rep. Matheson were most responsive. Senators Hatch and Feinstein are co-sponsoring federal gang legislation. One component of the legislation that is of concern is a waiver/certification of juveniles into the adult federal system. The triggering mechanisms for the transfer are the seven deadly sins and an offense on federal property with a weapon. It will impact Reservations and the Forest Service as well as any other federal property. It does not appear that it will be written out of the Bill. Reg suggested that they should be looking at the kids they are targeting, chronic offenders who have burned up resources in Juvenile system. The triggering mechanism could include the child's history, severity of the offense and then establish thresholds for each.</p> <p>After discussion, the possibility of paying dues to CJJ was moved to the August agenda for more discussion and a decision.</p> <p>The Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) is meeting July 8th and 9th in Denver. They have an annual report that goes to the administrator, Robert Flores, Congress and the President. The reports are pretty thorough and advise regarding juvenile justice issues. Most of it is about funding this year. Gary will get copies of the report. Flores seems to be responsive to that advisory committee and CJJ.</p> <p>The CJJ conference was very interesting. CJJ looks at UBJJ as a forward thinking SAG. The impression Gary came away with was that UBJJ needs to be part of a national organization and that we need to reconsider our position with them. Part of the reason we did not join CJJ was because of their unresponsiveness to SAG needs. David Doi wrote a letter of apology to Russ Van Vleet. OJJDP needs the SAGs to make our Hill visits. Two negatives will continue: CJJ's relationship with Casey Foundation, the matter of the cost of dues (\$5,000). Dues may not be reduced in the future.</p>

Agenda Item:	Outcome Measures Report – Reg Garff
Notes:	A handout was given listing the number of total surveys for each program since evaluation start. The numbers will change slightly in the final report after checking names and entering paper surveys received in the last week. The numbers are better this year and we should have a full report with graphs and charts for the August meeting. The evaluation aspect is critical and we are lucky to have Russ Van Vleet’s expertise. Utah does very well in comparison to other states. Other states are interested in our outcome evaluation process.

Agenda Item:	Committee Reports
Notes:	<p>Pre-Adjudicated Committee – Fred Peake No Report</p> <p>Post-Adjudicated Committee – Mike Di Reda No Report</p> <p>Title V Committee – Carol Page No Report</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Jennifer Jolley</p> <p>Holly Martak will be going to Washington DC on the 17th of July with Utah’s Do the Write Thing winners. Willard voiced concern about the kids’ names being printed along with their essays for privacy reasons. Holly will approach the subject when she visits DC. The 2004 book is now on the UBJJ website.</p> <p>DMC – Debbie Rocha</p> <p>The DMC committee is currently working on translating a probation agreement into Spanish. The committee is also pursuing the production of a video outlining juvenile rights, procedures and possible consequences. The DMC Committee is in the process of working these issues out with the Courts.</p> <p>Two issues came out of the Direct File study: Sixty kids went to adult court in 2002-2003 of which twenty five were minority. Secondly, twice the number of minorities are on probation. Ed Burns and John Dewitt have been gathering data on risk assessment and have been invited to present to the July 7th subcommittee meeting of the Sentencing Commission.</p> <p>Tony Yapias raised the possibility of getting volunteer interpreters to go with probation officers to meet with families where language barriers exist.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Reg Garff
Notes:	<p>Budgets - The budget hasn’t changed a lot over the last month. If you recall last month’s appropriations, we had two sets of money we were working with for 2004, Title II and Title II Supplemental. All regular Title II funds have been allocated, but the Federal Government has not sent the award yet.</p> <p>2004 - \$241,000, all but \$23,415 has been allocated 2003 – approximately \$25,226 2002 - \$6,699 left</p> <p>There will be a site visit from OJJDP the week of August 23rd. We have a new OJJDP State Rep., Steffy Rapp, who is new to the organization. The JJDP Act Compliance Audit will be the week of August 30. A new JJDP requirement this year involves the sharing of child welfare information with delinquency court judges. Our state has several mechanisms already in place. The CARE project is one of them.</p> <p>Site Visits – Judge Brown and Russ Van Vleet need to go visit LEMY. Reg will email a list again to everyone and encouraged all to do their site visits. Reg will also put site visit forms on the website.</p> <p>Board Vacancies – Reg states that there are two people who have letters in the Governor’s office awaiting approval at the moment. Kritsana has served for seven years and does not want to be re-appointed. Russ Van Vleet qualifies as a non-government employee. We are still in need of two</p>

	community members. Utah is on the verge of being out of compliance with the requirement that a majority of Board members be non-governmental employees. Please forward all potential applicants' materials (resume and letter of interest) to Reg ASAP. The Board will review and make recommendations to the Governor based on this info.
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Agenda Item:	Other Business
Notes:	Our annual meeting will be in October, please let Reg know of any agenda items you may have. The UBJJ Executive Board will meet July 22 nd at 11:30 a.m. No UBJJ Board or DMC meetings in July.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 27th at 8:30am, Utah State Capitol Complex, East Wing
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